### **CHAPTER NO. 261**

#### **SENATE BILL NO. 734**

#### By Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 881

# By Pleasant

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-3-101 and Section 6-3-102, relative to elections for aldermen in general law mayor-aldermanic municipalities.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-3-101(b), is amended by designating the existing subsection as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (b)(2):
  - (2) Any municipality that has only one (1) ward may provide by ordinance for numerical designations for aldermanic positions. After numerical positions have been designated, candidates for alderman shall qualify by indicating on the qualifying petition the position the candidate is seeking. Ballots shall indicate the position to be filled by the selection of candidates listed under "Alderman, position 1," "Alderman, position 2," and so on. Any qualified person residing in the municipality may seek an open aldermanic position, but may qualify in any election for only one (1) position.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-3-102(a), is amended by designating the existing subsection as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (a)(2):
  - (2) Any municipality that has only one (1) ward may provide by ordinance for numerical designations for aldermanic positions. After numerical positions have been designated, candidates for alderman shall qualify by indicating on the qualifying petition the position the candidate is seeking. Ballots shall indicate the position to be filled by the selection of candidates listed under "Alderman, position 1," "Alderman, position 2," and so on. Any qualified person residing in the municipality may seek an open aldermanic position, but may qualify in any election for only one (1) position.
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2003

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR